

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-14. Canceled

15. (Previously presented) A method of inhibiting the activity of a chemokine, said method comprising contacting a chemokine with an agent comprising a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 3, a polypeptide having at least 95% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO: 3, a chemokine-binding domain of SEQ ID NO: 3 and a polypeptide having at least 95% sequence identity to a chemokine-binding domain of SEQ ID NO: 3, wherein the activity of said chemokine is inhibited.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Original) The method of Claim 15, wherein said polypeptide is fused to an Fc region of an immunoglobulin.

18. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 15, wherein said polypeptide comprises a Thanatos (death) associated protein (THAP) THAP dimerization domain.

19. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 18, wherein said Thanatos (death) associated protein (THAP) THAP dimerization domain interacts with one or more THAP dimerization domains to form a THAP oligomer.

20. (Original) The method of Claim 15, wherein said polypeptide is a recombinant polypeptide.

21. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 15, wherein said polypeptide binds to a chemokine selected from the group consisting of Secondary Lymphoid-tissue Chemokine (SLC) SLC, CCL19, CCL5, CXCL9 and CXCL10.

22. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 15, wherein said polypeptide binds to a chemokine selected from the group consisting of Secondary Lymphoid-tissue Chemokine (SLC) SLC, CCL19 and CXCL9.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 15, wherein said polypeptide is SEQ ID NO: 3.

25. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 15, wherein said polypeptide has at least 95% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO: 3.

26. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 15, wherein said polypeptide is a chemokine-binding domain of SEQ ID NO: 3.

27. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 26, wherein said chemokine-binding domain of SEQ ID NO: 3 comprises the amino acid sequence 143-213 of SEQ ID NO: 3.

28. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 15, wherein said polypeptide has at least 95% sequence identity to a chemokine-binding domain of SEQ ID NO: 3.

29-91. (Canceled)

92. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 15, wherein said polypeptide comprises an isolated polypeptide.

93. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 92, wherein said polypeptide binds to a chemokine selected from the group consisting of Secondary Lymphoid-tissue Chemokine (SLC) SLC, CCL19, CCL5, CXCL9 and CXCL10.

94. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 92, wherein said polypeptide binds to a chemokine selected from the group consisting of Secondary Lymphoid-tissue Chemokine (SLC) SLC, CCL19 and CXCL9.

95. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 92, wherein said polypeptide is SEQ ID NO: 3.

96. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 92, wherein said polypeptide has at least 95% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO: 3.

97. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 92, wherein said polypeptide is a chemokine-binding domain of SEQ ID NO: 3.

98. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 92, wherein said polypeptide has at least 95% sequence identity to a chemokine-binding domain of SEQ ID NO: 3.

99. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 15, wherein said polypeptide binds to CCL5.

100. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 92, wherein said polypeptide binds to CCL5.

101. (Previously presented) A method of binding a chemokine, said method comprising contacting a chemokine with an agent comprising a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 3, a polypeptide having at least 95% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO: 3, a chemokine-binding domain of SEQ ID NO: 3 and a polypeptide having at least 95% sequence identity to a chemokine-binding domain of SEQ ID NO: 3, wherein the chemokine is bound.

102. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 101, wherein said polypeptide is fused to an Fc region of an immunoglobulin.

103. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 101, wherein said polypeptide comprises a Thanatos (death) associated protein (THAP) THAP dimerization domain.

104. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 103, wherein said THAP dimerization domain interacts with one or more Thanatos (death) associated protein (THAP) THAP dimerization domains to form a THAP oligomer.

105. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 101, wherein said polypeptide is a recombinant polypeptide.

106. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 101, wherein said polypeptide binds to a chemokine selected from the group consisting of Secondary Lymphoid-tissue Chemokine (SLC) SLC, CCL19, CCL5, CXCL9 and CXCL10.

107. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 101, wherein said polypeptide binds to a chemokine selected from the group consisting of Secondary Lymphoid-tissue Chemokine (SLC) SLC, CCL19 and CXCL9.

108. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 101, wherein said polypeptide is SEQ ID NO: 3.

109. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 101, wherein said polypeptide has at least 95% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO: 3.

110. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 101, wherein said polypeptide is a chemokine-binding domain of SEQ ID NO: 3.

111. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 110, wherein said chemokine-binding domain of SEQ ID NO: 3 comprises the amino acid sequence 143-213 of SEQ ID NO: 3.

112. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 101, wherein said polypeptide has at least 95% sequence identity to a chemokine-binding domain of SEQ ID NO: 3.

113. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 101, wherein said polypeptide comprises an isolated polypeptide.

114. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 113, wherein said polypeptide binds to a chemokine selected from the group consisting of Secondary Lymphoid-tissue Chemokine (SLC) SLC, CCL19, CCL5, CXCL9 and CXCL10.

115. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 101, wherein said polypeptide binds to a chemokine selected from the group consisting of Secondary Lymphoid-tissue Chemokine (SLC) SLC, CCL19 and CXCL9.

116. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 101, wherein said polypeptide is SEQ ID NO: 3.

117. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 101, wherein said polypeptide has at least 95% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO: 3.

118. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 101, wherein said polypeptide is a chemokine-binding domain of SEQ ID NO: 3.

119. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 101, wherein said polypeptide has at least 95% sequence identity to a chemokine-binding domain of SEQ ID NO: 3.

120. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 101, wherein said polypeptide binds CCL5.

121. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 113, wherein said polypeptide binds CCL5.